

PTO/SB/30 (08-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002 OMB 0651-0031  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

<b>Request FOR Continued Examination (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b> Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, Provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application Filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).	Application Number	10/646,899
	Filing Date	08/21/2003
	First Named Inventor	SOMMER
	Group Art Unit	3762
	Examiner Name	ALTER, A. M.
	Attorney Docket Number	P11139.00

RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

APR 03 2006

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a.  Previously submitted

- i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on March 2, 2006  
(Any unentered amendments referred to above will be entered).

- ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

- iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Enclosed

- i.  Amendment/Reply  
ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)  
iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

- b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, as well as any deficiencies, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 13-2546

- i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)  
ii.  Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)  
iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

- b.  Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

- c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

Name (Print/Type)	Michael C. Sommer	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	41,455
Signature		Date	April 3, 2006

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner For Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, or facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on:

Name (Print/Type)	MOLLY MCCLELLAN	Date	April 3, 2006
Signature			

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND Fees and Completed Forms to the following address: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner For Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

04/04/2006 09:49:41 00000097 132546

01 FC:1801 790.00 DA

PAGE 2/2 \* RCVD AT 4/3/2006 2:35:39 PM [Eastern Daylight Time] \* SVR:USPTO-EFXRF-1/18 \* DNIS:2738300 \* CSID:7635146982 \* DURATION (mm:ss):01:10

APR. 3, 2006 1:37PM

7635146982 MEDTRONIC

TO : USPTO

NO. 0534 P. 1

PATENT

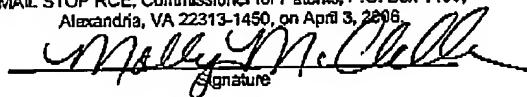
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
RCE TRANSMITTAL

In re Application of: SOMMER et al.  
For: MULTI-POLAR ELECTRICAL MEDICAL LEAD CONNECTOR SYSTEM  
Serial No.: 10/646,899  
Filed: 08/21/2003  
Docket No.: P11139.00

RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

APR 03 2006

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR §1.8 I hereby certify that the paper(s)  
(2 total) as described herein are being sent to telex/fax No. (571) 273-8300,  
MAIL STOP RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450,  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on April 3, 2006.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

MOLLY MCCLELLAN  
Printed Name

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450,  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

We are transmitting herewith the attached:

- Request for RCE Transmittal
- Applicant requests a \_\_\_\_-month extension of time to respond to the Final Office Action dated \_\_\_\_\_, from \_\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_.
- Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2546 in the amount of \$790.00 for the RCE fee as required under 37 CFR 1.17(e). The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies, and credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 13-2546.
- Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, if an extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for an extension of time.

April 3, 2006  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Michael C. Schilder, Reg. No. 41,455  
Telephone: (763) 514-4842  
Customer No. 27581